

REMARKS

The Examiner has issued an election of species between:

Embodiment 1, directed to Fig. 1 and including claims 1-20 and 40-58;

Embodiment 2, directed to Fig. 5A and including claims 21-27 and 59-67; and

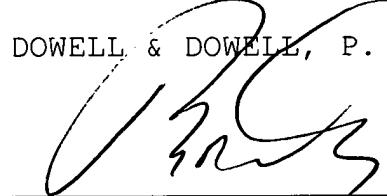
Embodiment 3, directed to Fig. 6 including claims 28-39 and 68-76.

In making the election of embodiment 2, please note that the correct claims should be 28-39 and 68-76. This election is being made without traverse with the understanding, however, that should any claim be found to be allowable that is generic to any claims of the non-elected species, such non-elected claims will also be considered on the merits.

As this response is filed after the shortened statutory period, a request for a one month extension of time is submitted herewith together with the necessary fees. Any deficiencies may be charged to Deposit Account 04-1577.

Respectfully submitted,

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